

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for evaluating risk associated with underwriting an insurance policy, comprising:

using a computer including a processor:

storing high risk zones that identify, for each of multiple landmarks, an associated peril and zones in proximity to the landmark, wherein each of the zones has associated loss factors;

receiving one or more locations to be covered under the insurance policy for one or more perils; and

automatically assessing risk associated with the one or more locations, including generating rating results for the one or more perils, wherein the rating results indicate whether that peril may occur at each of the one or more locations by:

selecting a high risk zone based on the one or more perils;

comparing the one or more locations with the selected high risk zone to determine whether the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone; and

in response to determining that at least one of the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone,

retrieving existing policies and associated covered locations that are also located within the selected high risk zone;

determining a probable maximum loss (PML) that indicates an amount of loss expected based on a total exposure underwritten for the selected high risk zone and the one or more perils times a loss factor;

determining whether the PML exceeds a PML limit;

in response to determining that the PML does not exceed the PML limit, issuing a first report indicating that the insurance policy is to be issued; and

in response to determining that the PML exceeds the PML limit, issuing a second report indicating that the insurance policy is not to be issued.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically assessing risk further comprises:

applying at least one business rule.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~enabling~~ providing selection of at least one of an underwriting analysis and a risk analysis.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~enabling~~ providing setup of an event that may impact assessment of risk.

5-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a location ~~may be~~ is selected by at least one of a company search, an address search, or uploading a file.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein selection of a location by company search further comprises:

receiving at least part of a company name;
searching for the company name in a business data store; and
retrieving at least one address from the searching.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
determining that there are ambiguous addresses for the company name; and
~~enabling~~ providing selection of at least one of the addresses.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein selection of a location by an address search further comprises:

receiving a street address and at least one of a zip code and a city and state.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein selection of a location by uploading a file further comprises:

associating data in the file with a predefined format.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

~~attempting to~~ automatically ~~geocode~~ geocoding the selected location.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 10, wherein the location can not be automatically geocoded and further comprising:

~~enabling~~ providing use of a spatial interface to manually geocode the location.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically assessing risk further comprises:

performing a proximity analysis.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the rating results for at least one peril are ~~capable of being~~ displayed on a map.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~enabling~~ providing drilldown into details of at least a portion of the rating results

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~enabling~~ providing exporting of the rating results.

21-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein assessing risk associated with the location further comprises:

assessing risk based on at least one of unbound policies and bound policies.

24-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer readable medium storing including a program for evaluating risk associated with underwriting an insurance policy, wherein the program, when executed on a processor of a computer, causes operations to be performed, the operations comprising:

storing high risk zones that identify, for each of multiple landmarks, an associated peril and zones in proximity to the landmark, wherein each of the zones has associated loss factors;

receiving one or more locations to be covered under the insurance policy for one or more perils; and

automatically assessing risk associated with the one or more locations, including generating rating results for the one or more perils, wherein the rating results indicate whether that peril may occur at each of the one or more locations by:

selecting a high risk zone based on the one or more perils;

comparing the one or more locations with the selected high risk zone to determine whether the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone; and

in response to determining that at least one of the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone,

retrieving existing policies and associated covered locations that are also located within the selected high risk zone;

determining a probable maximum loss (PML) that indicates an amount of loss expected based on a total exposure underwritten for the selected high risk zone and the one or more perils times a loss factor;

determining whether the PML exceeds a PML limit;

in response to determining that the PML does not exceed the PML limit, issuing a first report indicating that the insurance policy is to be issued; and

in response to determining that the PML exceeds the PML limit, issuing a second report indicating that the insurance policy is not to be issued.

43. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the operations for automatically assessing risk further comprise:

applying at least one business rule.

44. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the operations further comprise:

~~enabling~~ providing selection of at least one of an underwriting analysis and a risk analysis.

45. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the operations further comprise:

~~enabling~~ providing setup of an event that may impact assessment of risk.

46-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein a location ~~may be~~ is selected by at least one of a company search, an address search, or uploading a file.

52. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the operations for selection of a location by company search further comprise:

receiving at least part of a company name;
searching for the company name in a business data store; and
retrieving at least one address from the searching.

53. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 52, wherein the operations further comprise:

determining that there are ambiguous addresses for the company name; and
~~enabling~~ providing selection of at least one of the addresses.

54. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the operations for selection of a location by an address search further comprise:

receiving a street address and at least one of a zip code and a city and state.

55. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the operations for selection of a location by uploading a file further comprise:
associating data in the file with a predefined format.

56. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the operations further comprise:
~~attempting to automatically geocode~~ geocoding the selected location.

57. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim ~~[[56]]~~ 51, wherein the location can not be automatically geocoded and wherein the operations further comprise:
~~enabling~~ providing use of a spatial interface to manually geocode the location.

58. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the operations for automatically assessing risk further comprise:
performing a proximity analysis.

59. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the rating results for at least one peril are ~~capable of being~~ displayed on a map.

60. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 59, wherein the operations further comprise:
~~enabling~~ providing drilldown into details of at least a portion of the rating results

61. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 59, wherein the operations further comprise:
~~enabling~~ providing exporting of the rating results.

62-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the operations for assessing risk associated with the location further comprise:

assessing risk based on at least one of unbound policies and bound policies.

65-82. (Cancelled)

83. (Currently Amended) A computer system ~~having logic~~ for evaluating risk associated with underwriting an insurance policy, ~~wherein the logic is executed by the computer system, the logic~~ comprising:

a processor; and

hardware logic for:

storing high risk zones that identify, for each of multiple landmarks, an associated peril and zones in proximity to the landmark, wherein each of the zones has associated loss factors;

receiving one or more locations to be covered under the insurance policy for one or more perils; and

automatically assessing risk associated with the one or more locations, including generating rating results for the one or more perils, wherein the rating results indicate whether that peril may occur at each of the one or more locations by:

selecting a high risk zone based on the one or more perils;

comparing the one or more locations with the selected high risk zone to determine whether the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone; and

in response to determining that at least one of the one or more locations are within the selected high risk zone,

retrieving existing policies and associated covered locations that are also located within the selected high risk zone;

determining a probable maximum loss (PML) that indicates an amount of loss expected based on a total exposure underwritten for the selected high risk zone and the one or more perils times a loss factor;

determining whether the PML exceeds a PML limit;

in response to determining that the PML does not exceed the PML limit, issuing a first report indicating that the insurance policy is to be issued; and

in response to determining that the PML exceeds the PML limit, issuing a second report indicating that the insurance policy is not to be issued.

84-92. (Cancelled)

93. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein automatically assessing risk further comprises:
applying at least one business rule.

94. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising:
providing selection of at least one of an underwriting analysis and a risk analysis.

95. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising:
providing setup of an event that may impact assessment of risk.

96. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein a location is selected by at least one of a company search, an address search, or uploading a file.

97. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein selection of a location by company search further comprises:
receiving at least part of a company name;
searching for the company name in a business data store; and
retrieving at least one address from the searching.

98. (New) The method of claim 97, further comprising:
determining that there are ambiguous addresses for the company name; and
providing selection of at least one of the addresses.

99. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein selection of a location by an address search further comprises:
receiving a street address and at least one of a zip code and a city and state.

100. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein selection of a location by uploading a file further comprises:

associating data in the file with a predefined format.

101. (New) The method of claim 96, further comprising:

automatically geocoding the selected location.

102. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein the location can not be automatically geocoded and further comprising:

providing use of a spatial interface to manually geocode the location.

103. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein automatically assessing risk further comprises:

performing a proximity analysis.

104. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein the rating results for at least one peril are displayed on a map.

105. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing drilldown into details of at least a portion of the rating results

106. (New) The method of claim 83, further comprising:

providing exporting of the rating results.

107. (New) The method of claim 83, wherein assessing risk associated with the location further comprises:

assessing risk based on at least one of unbound policies and bound policies.